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The House met at 11 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, gracious God, for the abundance of Your spirit in our lives and in the lives of every person. Our petition is that Your gifts of mercy and justice, of understanding and peace, of tolerance and patience, of freedom and responsibility, will rest in our hearts and souls and minds this day and every day, and cause us to be the people You would have us be. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California [Mr. LANTOS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LANTOS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2036. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

TIAHRT AMENDMENT TO AID FLAT ECONOMY

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, our economy is flat. Many experts say that we are bordering on recession. I think the Clinton administration should shoulder the blame. The union workers remember that President Clinton signed both NAFTA and GATT into law and both agreements have not worked. Now the President will not even use the tools available within the agreements to save American jobs. That is why I am proposing an amendment to the farm bill. It is supported by the AFL-CIO to prioritize the export enhancement program to save jobs. Union jobs, support farmers, and export value-added products like flour will force the President to do the right thing. It is no wonder our economy is flat. We need someone to fight for our jobs, and that is what Congress intends to do.

RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING ASSAULT ON FREE MEDIA IN SERBIA AND DENOUNCING LOUIS FARRAKHAN'S SUPPORT OF TERRORIST REGIMES IN LIBYA, IRAN, AND IRAQ

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, this morning I am introducing two resolutions, and I know these resolutions will receive broad bipartisan support. The Communist dictator of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic, has closed down

the only independent television station in Belgrade. I think it is an outrage that, as Milosevic is trying to work his way back into acceptance by the civilized world community—and he should do so—he also simultaneously closed down the Soros Foundation, a humanitarian and charitable organization that has done an enormous amount of good for the people of Serbia and indeed for the people of countless other countries. I am calling on President Clinton in the most emphatic terms to insist that the independent television station in Belgrade be reopened and the Soros Foundation be allowed to continue its work.

My second resolution, Mr. Speaker, denounces Louis Farrakhan's visit to Libya, Iran, and Iraq. It is critical that the President of the United States direct executive agencies to establish whether U.S. laws were broken. Farrakhan can say whatever he wants, but he must obey the law.

THE CLINTON CRUNCH

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton crunch is upon us.

No, this is not a new kind of cereal. It does not go snap, crackle, and pop if you pour whitewater—or should I say milk—over it.

No, Mr. Speaker, the Clinton crunch is a disease that infects middle-class America.

Its symptoms? Higher taxes and stagnant wages.

Its cause? The policies of the Clinton administration.

The cure? Lower taxes and a balanced budget.

Mr. Speaker, it is true, the Clinton crunch is upon us. Luckily, there is still hope for middle-class America. But we must act soon. We must cut taxes and we must balance the budget.

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